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GERMANS BUILD BIG AIR FLEET

Build Zeppelins Faster Than England Turns Out Ships.

They Are Seen Flying Over Berlin at All Hours.

LEAVE CITY ON LONG CRUISES

They Hover Over Capital in Great Flotillas.

Attack on English Cities Is Expected Before Long.

Berlin, April 1 .- The Germans are building Zeppelins much faster than England is building ships. There is every reason to believe the en masse aerial attack upon fortified cities of the enemy will be made before long. Zeppelins and Taubes flew over Berlin at all hours of the day. They soared out of the capital on long cruises. Their destination, of course, cannot be revealed but there is every indication here that these wonderful indication here that these wonderful craft are far more successful for mil-itary purposes than America has ever

dreamed.

All dry yesterday Zeppelins and Taubes in great air flotillas maneuvered over Berlin while crowds thronged the Friedrichstrasse, gazing upward in admiration and shouting "beautiful."

The great Zeppelin, the Hanza, cruised back and forth with the greatest ease, despite a heavy wind which amounted almost to a gale. Her crew could be plainly seen; her armament was hidden from sight. Across her nose was a great black cross and a German flag trailed from her stern, A Taube followed lazily in the rear.

USE ONLY RIFLES.

Artillery Fire Is Lacking in the Fight at Matamoros.

Brownsville, April 1.—There was considerable rifle firing between Villa scouting parties and the Carranza trenches at Matamoros early today.

On New Masonic Offices

States Ambassador Page The firing stopped entirely before

Two hundred bombs are being manufactured in Brownsville for use Plans Soon for State \$50,000 To Make Suggestions of Peace of a Carranza aviator. It is planned to use them in defense of Matamoros to use them in defense of Matamuros provided an aeroplane arrives here in time. The Carranza officials here claimed this machine was due to arrive from New York Monday. Yestedlay they sent telegrams to try to hurry it through. From the Villa camps outside Matamoros, there have been several reports of the arrival of an aeroplane for use against Matamoros. No plane, however, has been

The arrival of field cannon for a Villa bombardment of Matamoros, an villa bombardment of Matamoros, an event thich has caused some worry as to Brownsville's safety and the time when the Villa troops will renew their assault on Matamoros are both surrounded with considerable secrecy. Although Villa artillery was reported only about 75 miles away from Matamoros at the beginning of the siege, the Villa force appears to be in no hurry to get the field pieces to Matamoros.

Newport News, April 1.-At o'clock this morning the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which began taking on coal at this port late yesterday, still was filling her fixing March 31 next year as the end sate desired are wanted for security.

guarded the Eitel's pier all night, remained on duty, and in the James river a navy launch manned by sailthe cruiser. No one without official and 50 guineas or a level chance is authority was permitted to enter the being quoted that the war will end ship yard. At an early morning hour during 1915. a tug with barges of coal reached the All night the crew vessel's side. worked at coaling the ship and a fresh crew took up the labor at sun

paring to move his ship immediately because it was known to have only reserve boilers in action coming from but one of the funnels.

FRENCH STEAMER DOWN

The German Submarines Still Busy in the English Channel.

London, April 1.—A French steamer was torpedoed last Tuesday by a German submarine in the English channel. The name of the vessel has not yet been learned. Two members of her crew were saved. It is feared that others, numbering 17, were drowned.

drowned.

The two survivors were brought into Dover today. They had been picked up in the channel. The ships that brought them in also had on board the bodies of two other members of the crew. The steamer was on her way to Bordeaux when she met the

REAL UGLY WORDS.

Paris, April 1.—Injurious epi-thets containing allusions to Ger-many, the Germans or to the war, have been tariffed by the Eighth Correctional Court of Paris. The word "boche," applied to a Frenchman, costs a fine of from 16 franc up. Telling a delinquent that "he ought to go to Berlin," is punishable by a minimum of a day's imprisonment. To say that a man "has an ugly mug that would go well with a pointed helmet," costs a hundred france. a hundred francs.

GERMANY PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY



Prince Bismarck's best photograph.

Germany is now celebrating the centenary of Prince Bismarck, her greatest statesman, who was born on April 1, 1815. He was chancellor of the German empire for twenty years—from 1870 until 1890—during which time he guided Germany to a place of great power. He died in 1893.

NAME LOCAL MAN TIME NOW IS RIPE

States Ambassador Page

to Warring Powers.

(By Alice Rohe.) Rome, April 1 .- Ambassador Page has been urged by a number of prom-

WANTED IN KANSAS.

Governor Capper Grants Requisitions

for Alleged Check Fixers.

Missouri.

Governor Capper today granted re-

Ervin McNett is wanted in Green-

wood county for securing by fraudu-

lent means the endorsement of a Sev-

LORD WILL FLY.

Hugh Cecil Will Go to Front in a

Flying Machine,

London, April 1.-Lord Hugh Cecil.

Woman Spy Arrested.

BACK TO WOODEN SHOES.

become a luxury for the average

wooden shoes so that the German

soldiers may not have to suffer.

on a charge of espionage.

on New Masonic Offices.

Building in This City.

At a meeting of the state council of administration A. F. and A. M. neid Wednessay afternoon plans and through. From the Villa specifications submitted by various specifications submitted by various specifications submitted by various architects for the new \$50,000 office building to take the place of the present building at the northeast corner of Eighth and Harrison streets, were arrival of field cannon for a smbardment of Matamoros, an

End During 1915.

April 1.—Approximately The Eitel Is Making Preparations to Leave American Waters.

\$20,000 was paid out by brokers at Lloyds yesterday on policies written earlier in the war fixing the end of the European conflict for March 31. High premiums had made the risk s unattractive.
One of the best known of the Lloyds

bunkers under supervision of the U. S. navy.

Soldiers from Fortress Monroe, who truarded the Eitel's pier all night, re-

ors from the American battleship Ala- rate being charged on policies that the barna patrolled the waters adjacent to war will be concluded this September the cruiser. No one without official and 50 guineas or a level chance is

KICKED OUT OF BED.

Woman Sues Husband for Divorce of Wyoming.

York, April 1.—Because he was kicked her out of bed one night ten years ago, Mrs. Jessie M. James, wife of Isaac W. James, who represents a New York corporation in Ohio, has sued for separation and \$100 a month

Commenting, Justice Shearn of the supreme court, before whom the case is up for decision, said: "If a husband lays hands on a re-

fined woman during an altercation he submits her to the greatest humilia- and expects to receive his license and phy. 30.

The couple have lived apart since the acts complained of and it was brought out that James had been sending his wife \$100 a month until several months ago, when he reduced the sum to \$50. Decision was reserved.

OUTBID THE BRITISH.

Americans Get Big Rolling Stock Or-der From Russian Government.

Petrograd, April 1 .- A large order for rolling stock for the Russian gov-ernment has gone to America. British firms which joined a syndicate for the purpose of competing for the con-tract lost an opportunity of getting an order worth 14,000,000 rubles. Prices quoted by the British syndi-cate were not only higher than those quoted by the American firms but were immensely higher than several tenders the British firms made before

they joined the syndicate Weather Forecast for Kansas Generally fair tonight and Friday of much change in temperature. RISKED LIFE TO DIE.

Berlin, April 1.—Reservist Joseph Rieger, who when he was called to the colors last August was dubbed the "highest" member of the Bavarian army, has been killed in action, after earning the Iron Cross for bravery. Rieger earned his sobriquet of "highest" because his home was near the summit of the Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany, and he was believed to live at a greater altitude than any man in Germany. He received a telephone message when Germany began mobilizing, to Join his regiment, and after a difficult and dangerous descent was down in the valley within a few hours.

Tax and Public Utilities Commission on Inspection.

Public Utilities Will Be Investigated and Assessed.

Members of the reorganized public Members of the reorganized public utilities commission and state tax commission will this month make a tour of inspection and assessment of the various public stilities in Kansas. A member of the utilities commission will this year accompany a member of the tax commission on the assessment tripe.

It is the plan of the two commissions to complete the assessment of utilities early in May. Some of the utilities early in May. Some of the work has already been handled by the commission. During the remain-of the assessment season, however, utilities commission and tax com-

WANTS TARIFF

Senator Weeks Points Out Result of War.

Must Erect Barrier to Preserve Business.

Kansas City, April 1.-America will be flooded with foreign made goods at the close of the present war; Europe will pour thousands of immigrants in-to the United States and business depression will result unless a reasonable pression will result unless a reasonable tariff barrier again is erected, according to John W. Weeks, United States senator from Massachusetts, who spoke at a luncheon here today. Senator Weeks also pointed out that at present there is "too much legislation and regulation of business." "The government through its various commissions and investigations is interfer-

missions and investigations is interfer-ring too much with the legitimate business of the country," he said. "The government is attempting to inent persons, in international politics, to inform the United States that the time is now ripe for an informal suggestion to the European powers to discuss terms of peace. I learned this today from a source whose reliability believe in regulation, but not in regucan not be questioned. The name of the diplomat who presented the request to the American ambassador for obvious reasons can not be revealed at this time.

The newspaper Gorpali d'Italia has could not expres with the continistic

> enormous prices as they have from federal government. almost every product of the middle western farm. On the other hand, cotton raisers in the south are getting less from their crops than if the war had not disturbed the world's mar kets. But, on the whole, business sta tistics will show the war has benefited usiness in the United States. Inciden-

tally it has piled up an enormous tradbalance in our favor. The speaker explained that with the release of the men serving in the armies of the belligerents "the industrial armis will be crowded, wages will be depressed; taxes will be enormous and goods will be made very cheaply

ing money under false pretenses.

William M. Thomas is wanted in Wyandotte county for passing a bogus in Europe.

"The result," he said, "foreign made goods will bring prices in the U. S. even less than before the war, while check drawn on the Garnett State Savings bank. The check was for \$43.50 and the Minnesota avenue bank, Kansas, was the victim. Thomas is in the great inrush of immigration which will result will cause a surplusage in the American labor market. "I am not a tariff extremist," he continued. "But the present tariff is too low. Too many articles are on few hours' respite when his company ery merchant to a sight draft. The Severy man is alleged to have been victimized in the amount of \$80. Mc-Nett is being held in Cheyenne, Wyo., and the requisition is on the governor

EXPLOSION KILLS 5.

Blow Up in Wheel House of Powder Factory Causes Much Damage.

Alton, Ill., April 1,-Five men were killed and a sixth is missing as the result of an explosion today in the wheel house of the Equitable Powder wheel house of the Equitable Powder company, near here. The dead are James A. Coburn, 40, superintendent; Elmer Kortkamp, 25; Gustave Miller, 24; Clyde Davis, 23; and Louis Murmember of parliament, is learning to use a flying machine at the Shoreham aerodome. He has been receiving

> The name of the missing man was not known to the officials of the plant. All of the men killed live at East Al-

Paris, April 1.—Marie Louise
Welsch, said to have been associated
with Naval Ensign Ullmo, who was
sentenced to life imprisonment in 1907
was heard 100 miles away in Mattoon, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1907 wa for selling French naval plans to a III. foreign government, has been arrested

EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Anthracite Miners Celebrate What They Have Not Got,

Cologne, April 1.—Under the title of "Back to Wooden Shoes," a forester from the Eifel district urges that the constantly increasing cost of leather footwear be offset by the manufacture once more of shoes either partly or entirely made of wood. He declares that even new soles on old shoes have become a luxury for the average Hazelton, Pa., April 1.—Mine work-ers throughout the anthracite fields observed this as Eight Hour day, in commemoration of the granting of the eight hours concession in the central competitive bituminous district April 1, 1898, but not yet asked for in the become a luxury for the average man, and insists that the practica-bility of wooden shoes is not ap-preciated. Estimating that Ger-many is feeding and clothing about one million prisoners of war, he declares that these men at the very least should be fitted out with wooden shoes so that the German hard coal belt. Proclamations issued by the national and district officers of the United Mine Workers of America several weeks ago requested all of the men with the exception of the en-gineers, firemen and pump runners to remain idle and to hold mass meetings as has been the custom since 1902, when the last big anthracite strike

AT THEIR OWN RISK

Non-Resident Stock Owners Given Drastic Rules.

No Protection for Foot and Mouth Disease.

GRAZING

Many of Big Kansas Pastures Will Go Empty.

Federal and State Aid Will Not Be Offered.

Nonresident stock owners who ship cattle to Kansas this summer must take their own chances against a fresh outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in this state, according to an order issued by Joe Mercer, the new live stock sanitary commissioner. Mercer's ruling is drastic and far reaching and may mean that many of the big pastures in the Flint Hill district will not be used for grazing purposes this year.

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The Mercer order means in short that nonresident stockmen who bring their cattle to Kansas for grazing purposes this year can expect no aid from the state or federal government in the payment of losses in event of a further outbreak of the dread disease. Yet cattle brought to Kansas by owners in other states will be condemned. Surveying widows the days.

West of Urumlah, hundreds of native come more pressing than that of recruiting.

The pronouncements of cabinet leaders and the letter of King George on the question of temperance are intended to pave the way and sound public sentiment preparatory to either ers in other states will be condemned and killed the same as under the pres-ent restrictions against a spread of the der of the assessment season, however, the utilities commission and tax com-mission will work jointly in determin-ing the value of property held by Kansas public service corporations.

Mercer came to Topeka today to take over the duties of his job—the same job which he held under the Stubbs regime. He has been in personal touch with stock conditions in the infected district for several weeks and it is hardly probable that he will sand or fifteen thousand Christians and it is hardly probable that he will make any changes in the department until the foot and mouth disease is known to be thoroughly stamped out. Mercer will at least announce no changes in the list of deputies until late this month late this month.

The enforcement of his new order removing foreign live stock from pro-tection of the state, however, is a mattection of the state, however, is a mat-ter of grave concern to stock raisers. Many of the big pastures in Green-wood, Butler, Chase and Cowley coun-ties, in the big Flint Hill district, are under control of non-resident stock men. Whether these men will bring cattle to the Kansas pastures this year in the face of the Mercer order is a matter of grave doubt.
"Where cattle are moved from ex

posed territory to closed territory for feed or grazing, our rule is that if said cattle contract foot and mouth disease at their destination that compensation bythe state or federal government will by the state or federal government will be refused where said cattle are condemned and slaughtered on account of contracting the disease." said Mercer in his order. "The same rule will apply where cattle are moved from points outside the state of Kansas into quarantined territory for feed or grazing purposes should they contract foot and mouth disease and for that reason condemned by state and federal authorities, no remuneration whatever will be given to owners on account of will be given to owners on account of

"A new regulation under contempla-tion is that where cattle owned by non-residents are shipped from other The newspaper Giornali d'Italia has hinted at the same thing. Men close to the American ambassador today said that the same person who conferred with Page probably inspired the publication in the newspaper with the object of feeling out sentiment in Europe through newspaper comment.

Senator Weeks pointed out that he could not agree with the optimistic view that the close of the war in Europe will mean a business revival in the United States.

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IN SHOWER OF SHELLS

Young French Scientist Completes Valuable Treatise on Battlefield.

April 1.-What is deon the parasitic infusoria of cepha-lopoda" has been written in the trenches by a young savant pamed Colin and read at the Academy of Sciences.

Colin was investigating the abstruse subject when the war broke out. He weak." was in the thick of battle near Notre Dame de Lorette last week, when, ac-cording to a letter he has written to he ing that he probably would be killed. was relieved to complete the final chapter and hand it to a comrade for transmission to the Academy of

This unparalleled scientific achievement was accomplished while shells were bursting amidst the second line

GAVE HIM SILVER BROOM

sweeping the North sea, 1914."

Fodder Prices Fixed. Berlin, April 1 .- The federal coun-

cil to prevent a further increase in the prices of fodder, has ordered persons having more than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of fodder in their possession to report to the so-called supply association of German farmers through which all fodder sales must be made. The association also is empowered to buy supplies at a specified price.

"APRIL FOOL" ON THE ALLIES.

Pendleton, Ore., April 1 .- Dark days are looming up for France. "Cyrus Noble," unbusted broncho of the eastern Oregon plains, has of the eastern Oregon plains, has just been sold to the French government as a cavalry charger. For three years, visitors to the Pendleton "Roundup" have watched the world's most skilful riders try to conquer Cyrus. Everyone was hurled skyward, recovering consciousness with a "never again" yow on his line. yow on his lips.

FAITH IN FAMILY PRAYERS.

London, April 1.—Lord Curzon's statement in the house of lords that Lord Roberts had conducted family prayers for his household for over 50 years is supplemented by data collected by the Church Family Newspaper regarding Lord Fisher, first sea lord, and Lord Kitchener. "We learn on unimpeachable auth-ority," says the journal, "that Lord Fisher makes a habit of going to a certain church practically every day for prayer and meditation before commencing his responsible duties. We understand also that Lord Kitchener follows out a similar rule whenever he is in London."

The Russians Report a Great Massacre of Christians

By the Turks in the Village of Haftdewan.

Tabriz, April 1 .- Preceding the reoccupation by the Russians of Salmac lies in the west," the reason being plains, in Azerbaijan province, north- that the problem of munitions has bewest of Urumiah, hundreds of native

Surviving widows, who were able to identify the bodies of their husbands, insisted upon digging graves and bury-ing the bodies. Some of the victims had been shot. In other cases they were bound to ladders and their heads, protruding through, were hack-

remaining in Urumiah is expected un-less it should be averted by orders from Constantinople. Verbal messages from Urumiah confirm earlier reports that more than \$00 persons already have been killed in their neighborhood and that more than 2,000 have died of and that more than 2,000 have died of These messages also confirm the reports of the maltreatment of the Rev. Dr. E. T. Allen, an American missionary at Urumiah.

WOMEN CHASED HIM.

So Wife of Georgia Physician Shoots Husband to Death.

Blakely, Ga., April 1.-Because Blakely. Ga., April 1.—Because of her husband's popularity among his women patients, Mrs. T. E. Sheffield, wife of Dr. T. E. Sheffield, a leading physician of this city, lay in wait for him Tuesday and opened fire as he left his office. She fired five builets from a 38 caliber revolver, all of which took effect. Dr. Sheffield was dead when his body hit the pavement. As Sheffield fell, the woman in a hysterical frenzy fell upon the body. As Sheffield fell, the woman in a hysterical frenzy fell upon the body, embracing and kissing it. Moaning piteously, she was led to a celi.

"The women wouldn't let him alone," was her plea as the police took her into custody. The shooting attracted a big crowd, among which were several women who were on their way to Dr. Sheffield's office.

The murder has created a sensation, the Sheffield's being among the most prominent families in this sec-

most prominent families in this section of Georgia. They had three small children and were extremely popular in social circles.

Sunshine in Kansas Today-But Tomorrow-Who Knows?

This is a time of year when all signs are likely to fail. The weather scribed as a "highly scientific opuscule prophet predicted rain or snow for on the parasitic infusoria of cepha-

"It is a sure sign of spring when rain or snow is predicted and it doesn't come,' commented "Sunny" (S. D.) Fiora, the local weather observer, "The elements are getting

The weather predictions have been Dame de Lorette last week, when, according to a letter he has written to a fellow investigator, he had a feel-The sky was practically cloudless early this morning, but later became the United Kingdom during February, partially overcast. The temperature was below normal. The minimum at 6:30 o'clock was 30

Generally fair weather with little change in temperature is scheduled for tonight and Friday.

The temperature today averaged 10

degrees below normal. The wind was eight miles from the north this after-

The Topeka State Journal was to day designated as the official state paper for another year. The election of the State Journal for another year as the official publication of the state was by vote of members of the execu-tive council including the governor, secretary of state, attorney auditor, treasurer and superintendent of public instruction. By action of the executive council

today, the State Journal will officially publish state documents including legislative enactments, supreme court syllabi, official reports, notice of contract lettings and other official mat-ters. The election is for a term of one year from date.

Dutch Boat Under Suspicion.

London, April 1.—A large Dutch cargo boat, the Lodewijk Van Nassau, has been brought into New Haven by two British torpedo boats under the suspicion that she has been supplying German submarines with fuel oil. The torpedo boats gave chase to the Lodewijk Van Nassau and captured her near Brighton.

England Has Taken Up Arms Against King Alcohol.

Cabinet Leaders Decide That He Must Be Defeated.

TAKES PRECEDENCE

Over Spring Campaign in France, in Public Interest.

Munitions of War Now More Important Than Recruits.

London, April 1 .- The war on alcohol, an outcome of the labor situation in Great Britain, has definitely taken precedence over the muchtalked-of "spring advance of the alcome more pressing than that of re-

public sentiment preparatory to either shutting off absolutely the sale of drink throughout the country, except on physicians' prescriptions or the adoption of some measure which, while perhaps not called absolutely prohibition, will have almost as drastic an effect tic an effect.

War Secretary Kitchener has announced that no alcoholic beverages shall be served in his household for the duration of the war. The battlefields in the cast and the west afford little news today, and al-though the allies are reported as hav-

ing resumed operations in the Dardanelles nothing official is forthcoming.

Today being the centenary of the
birth of Bismarck, the London newspapers review editorially the career of this German statesman ending in the break with the present emperor and speculate on what might have been the outcome of the war to date had Bismarck been at the helm.

Austria seems to be strengthening her forces in Bukowina with the idea of thwarting a formidable Russian advance in the Carpathians and this, according to the British view, explains the Austrian incursion into Russia over the Dniester river at a point. over the Dniester river at a point near

SHORT WAR MATERIAL

England, France and Russia Hasen't Caught Up Yet.

London, April 1 .- The Times military correspondent admits that England, France and Russia are still short of much necessary war material, and that Germany's preparedness in this respect has been one of the heaviest handicaps that the allies have had to contend with.

"The result of this war depends more upon material than any other great conflict in history," adds the correspondent. "The Entente powers correspondent. "The Entente powers were all short of material when the war began, but they are making up YOU JUST CAN'T TELL leeway very fast. Before long their equipment will be complete, and from that moment onward they will be in a

position to bring into play their large numerical preponderance. "For only a short time more, they have to stand on the defensive, holding their armies on the defensive and shunning adventures for which this is not the moment. The hour for the offensive will come, but it has not come yet, and it is the greatest mistake in the world to display impatience and to expect to cull the fruits of victors before victory is ripe.

IMPORTS ARE GROWING

Those of the United Kingdom Show Increase in February.

for the first time since the outbreak of the war, showed an actual increase amounting to 5.18 per cent, according to a report to the department of commerce from American Consul General Skinner, at London. Imports aggre-gated \$317,630,683, which was \$15,-646,590 more than for February, 1914. Exports totaled \$127,390,064, being \$73,410,471 less than in February of

The hourly readings:

7 o'clock....31 | 11 o'clock....40 uted to higher prices of foodstuffs, 8 o'clock....33 | 12 o'clock.....42 wool and other articles, but it is point-specified by the price of grain and the receipts of grain and the aggregate were larger in

London, April 1 .- The striking

difference between the ages of the commanding officers in the pres-ent war as compared with those of earlier times is attributed by the British Medical Journal to the saving of bodily wear and tear brought about by modern inventions. The paper suggests that Napoleon would not have broken down so soon if he had been able to use automobile, telephone and telegraph. Generals a few generations ago were young men, because they soon broke down under the hard-ships of campaigning. They had to live in the saddle and keep the field under eye in order to be able to direct the movements. Nowadays, the general stays in his base quarters, where he follows opera-tions on a map as reports come in by telephone and telegraph, occasionally by motorcycle, from va-rious parts of the line. When he goes on a tour of inspection, he rolls along in a motor car at his